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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring disclosure of energy efficiency-related costs or
2 expenses on utility bills.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2335HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, paragraph g, Code
1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 g. A gas or electric utility required to be rate-regulated
1 4 under this chapter may recover, through an automatic
1 5 adjustment mechanism filed pursuant to subsection 8, over a
1 6 period not to exceed the term of the plan, the costs of an
1 7 energy efficiency plan approved by the board, including
1 8 amounts for a plan approved prior to July 1, 1996, in a
1 9 contested case proceeding conducted pursuant to paragraph "e".
1 10 The board shall periodically conduct a contested case
1 11 proceeding to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of the
1 12 utility's implementation of an approved energy efficiency plan
1 13 and budget. If a utility is not taking all reasonable actions
1 14 to cost-effectively implement an approved energy efficiency
1 15 plan, the board shall not allow the utility to recover from
1 16 customers costs in excess of those costs that would be
1 17 incurred under reasonable and prudent implementation and shall
1 18 not allow the utility to recover future costs at a level other
1 19 than what the board determines to be reasonable and prudent.
1 20 If the result of a contested case proceeding is a judgment
1 21 against a utility, that utility's future level of cost
1 22 recovery shall be reduced by the amount by which the programs
1 23 were found to be imprudently conducted. The utility shall ~~not~~
1 24 represent energy efficiency in customer billings
1 25 ~~efficiency-related costs under this section as a separate cost~~
1 26 ~~or expense unless the board otherwise approves in the~~
1 27 ~~utility's customer billings.~~

1 28 EXPLANATION
1 29 This bill relates to the disclosure of customer charges by
1 30 a utility on the utility's monthly billing statement.
1 31 The bill modifies a current provision which prohibits a
1 32 utility from representing energy efficiency in customer
1 33 billings as a separate cost or expense, unless the utilities
1 34 board of the utilities division of the department of commerce
1 35 otherwise approves of such disclosure. The bill provides that
2 1 a gas or electric utility shall represent energy
2 2 efficiency-related costs as a separate cost or expense in
2 3 customer billings.
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